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- 3. References 3-4 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
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7. A partial English language Translation of Reference 3 is attached hereto.

8. References 1-2 correspond to JP-A-60-002352 (01/08/1985), which is cited in the International Search Report.

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